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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION-VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT

1. JAKARTA'S ONLY AFTERNOON DAILY, INDEPENDENT SINAR HARAPAN, RAN USICA-RELEASED PROFILE ON VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE IN TWO-COLUMN PAGE ONE STORE WITH PHOTO UNDER HEAD "WALTER MONDALE, THE PREACHER'S SON WHO IS INTERESTED IN POLITICS." PAPER CARRIED EDITORIAL SAYING "WE GIVE WARM WELCOME TO MR. AND MRS. MONDALE AND HIS PARTY" AND RAN FOUR-COLUMN INSIDE BYLINER HEADED "THE U.S. SEEKS INDONESIA'S RESPONSE ON "PEACE CORPS". INDONESIA'S ONLY TV STATION, GOI'S TVRI, CARRIED FOUR-MINUTE LEAD STORY OF MONDALE ARRIVAL DURING 30-MINUTE NATIONWIDE 8:30 P.M. NEWSCAST.

2. THE SINAR HARAPAN BYLINER SAID "SINCE EMERGENCE OF THE NEW ORDER IN INDONESIA, THE U.S.... HAS PLAYED

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A PROMINENT ROLE IN PULLING INDONESIA OUT OF ITS SEVERE ECONOMIC TROUBLES" BUT NOTED THAT "BECAUSE OF THE SHIFTING POWERS IN THE REGION THE U.S. ROLE HAS BEEN TAKEN OVER BY JAPAN AND THE EEC COUNTRIES... YET AMERICA'S INVESTMENT IN THIS COUNTRY STILL RATES NUMBER

TWO, AFTER JAPAN." ARTICLE SAID "PURPOSE OF MONDALE

VISIT, WHICH IS TO RECONFIRM THE U.S. MILITARY AND ECONOMIC COMMITMENT IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, COULD BE CONSIDERED MERELY RHETORIC AS REGARDS INDONESIA." ARTICLE SAID REGARDING SECURITY "INDONESIA REALIZES IT MUST BE ABLE TO SUPPORT ITSELF AND NO LONGER RELY ON THE U.S. THE PURCHASE OF F-5 AIRCRAFT IS A CLEAR EXAMPLE, IN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE, THERE IS NOT MUCH MORE TO BE EXPECTED FROM THE U.S." AND "IT IS HARD TO EXPECT NEW INVESTMENT".

3. ARTICLE ADDED THAT "U.S. EMBASSY IN JAKARTA IS TRYING TO GET A RESPONSE FROM THE GOI ON WHETHER THE PEACE CORPS WOULD BE WELCOME HERE" BUT OPINES THAT THE GOI "DOESN'T SEE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PEACE CORPS AT PRESENT. WE NEED ANOTHER TYPE OF EXPERT, MORE USEFUL TO OUR DEVELOPING COUNTRY. ".

4. ON HUMAN RIGHTS, THE ARTICLE SAID THE ISSUE "CERTAINLY WILL BE DISCUSSED" BUT THAT "WE WILL BE HAPPY IF THE U.S. DOESN'T CLAIM THAT IT IS BECAUSE OF THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION THAT INDONESIA HAS GRADUALLY RELEASED ITS POLITICAL PRISONERS."

5. SINAR HARAPAN EDITORIAL HEADED "WELCOME TO VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE" SAID "WE NEVER DOUBTED THAT THE U.S. STILL HAS A BIG COMMITMENT RELATING TO ITS VITAL ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND SECURITY INTERESTS IN THE ASIA-UNCLASSIFIED

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PACIFIC REGION... THE U.S. IS A PACIFIC NATION, AND THROUGH THE INCREASED DEVELOPMENT IN THOSE NATIONS IN THE FUTURE, THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE REGION WILL CERTAINLY BE EXPANDED EVEN MORE." EDITORIAL ADDED THAT IT COULD VIEW THE MONDALE VISIT TO ASIA AS AN INDICATION THAT THE U.S. NOT ONLY WANTED TO SHOW "GREATER ATTENTION" TO THE REGION, BUT TO "START A NEW ERA IN ITS POLICY TOWARD THE REGION BY LOOKING TO THE FUTURE AND NOT BEING OVERLY TROUBLED BY MEMORIES OF THE PAST." EDITORIAL ADDED THAT THE TALKS IN JAKARTA "WILL GIVE A MORE CONCRETE INDICATION OF U.S. WILLINGNESS" TO SUPPORT ASEAN" ... THE U.S. WILLINGNESS TO DEVELOP NEW FORMS AND WAYS OF COOPERATION WITH ASEAN WILL BE A TEST-CASE OF HOW SERIOUSLY THEY WOULD UNDERSTAND, RESPECT AND SUPPORT THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE PEOPLE OF ASEAN..."

6. REGARDING HUMAN RIGHTS, EDITORIAL SAID "EXCHANGES OF VIEWS AND INFORMATION ON THIS ISSUE WILL BE HELD IN A CLIMATE OF MUTUAL RESPECT, WITHOUT ANY ILL-WILL TO TEACH ONE ANOTHER OR TO INTERFERE IN DOMESTIC AFFAIRS". AND CONCLUDED "WE GIVE A WARM WELCOME TO MR. AND MRS. MONDALE

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